

## ***FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2014

**Agenda Item:** 2014 - 2015 Bison Hunter Requirements and Roster Use

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

### **Background**

While the bison hunting season structure was addressed during biennial season setting in February, two additional modifications have since evolved out of experience and conversations with Tribal partners. The first is to require successful hunters to disperse bison gut piles and other carcass parts. Dispersal of un-utilized bison parts is needed to address public concern over large amounts of those materials next to high use roadways and homes. Dispersal would also mitigate concentration of scavengers (eagles, crows, ravens magpies, coyotes, wolves, and bears) next to busy roadways. Please see proposed language below.

### **PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR DISPERSING GUT PILES**

*Hunters who harvest a bison shall, upon field dressing the carcass, cut open the rumen and remove and spread its vegetative contents.*

*Hunters who harvest a bison near a roadway or any other facility shall remove all unutilized parts of the carcass (entrails, tissues, bones, hides, fetuses, legs, etc.) to an area at least 200 yards from any roadway, dwelling, campground, designated trail or trailhead. These unutilized parts shall be placed in a manner as to be inconspicuous to passersby.*

The second proposed change is to adjust the “cow/calf” roster to be the “bison” roster. With this adjustment would come expanded flexibility for FWP to draw upon hunters from this list for potential harvest of *any bison* (to include bulls) if prescribed by FWP.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

The public comment period for any proposal will run through 5 p.m., Monday, July 7 with final adoption at the Aug. 7 commission meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2013 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move the Commission adopt the final 2014 - 2015 Bison Hunter Requirements and Roster Use as presented by FWP.